

Call for Nominations: AAFSW/Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteer Activities and the Eleanor Dodson Tragen Foreign Service Spouse Award

Nominations are solicited for the first annual Eleanor Dodson Tragen Foreign Service Spouse Award and for the AAFSW/Secretary of State's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Activities (SOSA). IF YOU ARE READING THIS, YOU ARE URGED TO NOMINATE AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO NOMINATE!

This year a new award will be included in the ceremony honoring the SOSA winners. 2006 will be the premier award for the Eleanor Dodson Tragen Award, which recognizes a family member who has effectively advocated for family member rights and benefits, as did the late Mrs. Ele Tragen, a long-time member of AAFSW. The award is funded by the income from a gift to Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR) from her husband, retired FSO Irving Tragen. The recipient will be chosen for his/her efforts to enhance the global rights of and benefits provided to Foreign Service spouses, efforts that have demonstrably improved spouse welfare. Anyone who is either active or retired Foreign Service is eligible for the award, and nominations may be from either active or retired Foreign Service members. AAFSW, DACOR members and CLO's are urged to nominate freely! Nominees must agree to be present at the awards ceremony if selected. The winner will receive a cash award of \$2000. Travel to Washington will be paid by each winner's bureau, if the recipient is posted abroad. **Tragen nominations must be received by DACOR by October 6, 2006, at Dacor Bacon House Foundation, 1801 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.**

Nominations for the SOSA awards must be received by October 6, 2006 and should cover volunteer activities in one or more of the following categories: exceptional service to the USG community at post; outstanding activities directed toward the host country; and/or exceptional service in emergencies at post. Posts and individuals may submit as many nominations as they wish. Each nomination should not exceed three printed pages and should include name of nominee and, if family member, name and relationship to direct hire employee and position and agency. Also include the nominator's name, agency and description of association with nominee. The narrative should discuss the actions and qualities that qualify the nominee for the award with specific examples of accomplishments that fulfill the criteria. One winner will be selected from each regional bureau. SOSA winners will be flown to Washington to receive their awards consisting of a certificate signed by the Secretary of State, a pin and a check for \$2,000. SOSA nominations should be sent to the AAFSW Office, 5555 Columbia Pike, Suite 208, Arlington, Virginia 22305-3117 or by email to

office@aafsw.org, or fax to 703-820-5421. For further information or to answer questions call AAFSW at 703-820-5420.

With this new venue, AAFSW will also present its annual Dorman Award in the ceremony. This award honors someone within AAFSW who has contributed to the organization in the manner of Lesley Dorman. All awards will be presented at a ceremony at the Department of State during the AAFSW holiday Program in the Benjamin Franklin Room on December 5, 2006.

Both AAFSW and the DACOR Foundation are charitable 501c3 organizations and can receive tax-free donations to further their work. Checks can be sent either to AAFSW or DACOR BACON Foundation. Contributions should mention SOSA or Tragen AWARD.

Nomination questions can be answered by contacting DACOR, AAFSW or FLO.

NOMINATE! ATTEND! CELEBRATE!